

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 August 2018: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Delia White RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Angela Keown
5.30pm	Hilda Nagyouá & Ładislaw Nagy

Monday 13 August

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 14 August *St Maximilian Kolbe,
Franciscan Martyr*

7.30am	Peter Cullen
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Wednesday 15 August *The Assumption of
the Virgin Mary
into Heaven*

7.30am	CMA
7.30pm	Family—intentions

Thursday 16 August

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 17 August

7.30am	Elizabeth O'Donoghue RIP
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Saturday 18 August

8.00am	Delia White RIP
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

John Towe, Sarah Lafferty, William McFarlane, Vincent Gates, Bridget Pollard, Rose Kore, Phyllis Cooke, Noel McCabe, Robert Bonney & Patrick Milmore.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today.

No second collection next week.

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£414.57	+ Gift-aided	£58.00
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Gift-aided donations by standing order for July: £970.00

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Finding God at Last

The reason Elijah was hungry is that he was travelling through the desert. The reason he was travelling through the desert is that Jezebel was chasing him. The reason Jezebel was chasing him is that she wanted to kill him. The reason she wanted to kill him is that Elijah had just embarrassed the priest of Baal, whose god couldn't send rain on command and Elijah's God could.

God got him into this mess, and at one point Elijah gave up. He sat exhausted in the desert and prayed for death. God gave him cake and water. On the strength of this food, he climbed the mountain of God. There he discovered God, not in the wind, earthquake and fire, but in silence.

On the days when we would like to give up, when we can't figure out the mess we're in, when we have wished for more useful companions, when we feel hungry and lost, God finds us. In the simplest of meals, we receive the strength to meet God at last on the holy mountain of life, shrouded in silence.



1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Response: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert/Leonel. Thank you.

Tuesday 14 August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr, Franciscan Priest

Born in Poland in 1894, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained priest in Rome in 1918. He had a great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was founder of the Militia of Mary Immaculate. He was imprisoned at Auschwitz during World War II, where he gave up his life so that a fellow prisoner, a father of children, could live. He died by a lethal injection of carbolic acid given him by guards on 14 August 1941.

Wednesday 15 August: The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven

This day is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses: 7.30am & 7.30pm in the church.

On this day the Church celebrates Mary's welcome into heaven. As we believe that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, so we believe he has also received his mother into eternity.

Pope Pius XII declared the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven a dogma of the Church in 1950.

Dogmatic Definition of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary:

"Therefore, having directed humble and repeated prayers to God, and having invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth; to the glory of almighty God who has bestowed his special bounty on the Virgin Mary, for the honour of his Son the immortal King of ages and victor over sin and death, for the greater glory of his august mother, and for the joy and exultation of the whole Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we proclaim, declare and define as a dogma revealed by God: that the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven." (Pope Pius XII, 1 November 1950)

Also on Wednesday 15 August: Day of Prayer & Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (3pm-8.45pm)

This will be held in *Newman's Chapel at Littlemore*, Oxford, beginning at 3pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Vespers at 5.30pm and, from 7.45–8.45pm, Guided Adoration, Benediction & Compline. For further details, telephone 01865 779743 or email littlemore@newman-friends.org.

Friday 17 August: Holy Rosary

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

'In the Rosary, we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever closer

union with her Son. Pray the Rosary daily.'

Looking ahead:

Sunday 9 September: Trip to the National Eucharistic Congress

A coach will be going to Liverpool, leaving the Oxford Oratory at 7am, for the Solemn Mass in the Cathedral (presided over by Cardinal Vincent Nichols) and a Procession through the streets, ending with Benediction. After some free time in Liverpool, the coach will return to Oxford by about 9pm. To sign up, please email Fr Daniel Seward (parish@oxfordoratory.org.uk). Cost for the coach per person: £20, a donation which may be given in at the Porter's Lodge at the Oratory or sent by bank transfer.

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Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (the Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). **If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).**

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

Weddings 2019

If you are planning to get married in 2019, you should contact Fr Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

The Diocese requires at least six months notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also required, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Proclaim the Gospel—this includes you!

'Jesus did not say, "Go—if you would like to, if you have the time." He said, "Go, and make disciples of all nations." Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is the command that the Lord entrusted to the whole Church, and that includes you.' (Pope Francis)